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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Docket Number FRA-2012-0042

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated March 22, 2012, CSX Transportation (CSX) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR Part 236. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0042.

CSX seeks relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236, Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances; and Section 236.109, Time releases, timing relays and timing devices. CSX requests relief from 49 CFR 236.109 as it applies to variable timers within the program logic of the operating software of microprocessor-based equipment.

CSX states that timing devices contained within microprocessor-based equipment are typically nonvariables and are within the program logic of the operating software.

However, CSX notes that some microprocessor-based equipment have variable timers.

CSX is requesting relief from the requirement of checking the actual time interval of

microprocessor-based variable timers. Such variable timers will use verification of the cyclic redundancy check/check sum/universal control number of the existing location specific application logic to the previously tested version.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Room W12-140, Washington,

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D.C. 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal

Holidays.

Communications received by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS FROM

PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE] will be considered by FRA before final action is

taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and

comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the

comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business,

labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the

Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78),

or online at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html.

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